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Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation State of Louisiana Post Office Box 44275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

BF-7 Zone, Reservoir A, POINTE-A-LA-HACHE FIELD, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

BASS ENTERPRISES PRODUCTION CO. ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the BF-7 Zone, Reservoir A, in the Pointe-A-La-Hache Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the BF-7 Zone, Reservoir A.
- 2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the BF-7 Zone, Reservoir A, such unit being shown on the attached plat and being designated BF-7 RA SUA.
- 3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
  - 4. To designate Applicant as Operator of the proposed unit.
- 5. To designate the Bass Enterprises Production Co. (formerly General American Oil)--M.D. Cosse et al. No. 1 Well (formerly Gravolet No. 2 Well), located as shown on the attached plat, as the unit well for the proposed unit, in exception to the well location provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
- 6. To provide that all wells drilled in the future to the BF-7 Zone outside of the unit proposed herein be located in accordance with the provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
  - 7 To provide that any future replacement and/or alternate unit well for RF-7 RA SIJA be

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(formerly Gravolet No. 2 Well), having a surface location in Section 10, and a bottomhole location in Section 11, all in Township 17 South, Range 14 East, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

10. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated May 14, 2003, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these matters and a pre-application conference with respect to Applicant's proposals was tentatively scheduled for 10:30 o'clock a.m. on June 4, 2003, at the offices of Louis Gilbert in Metairie, Louisiana. No request for the pre-application conference was received; therefore, the conference was not held.

Attached hereto is a plat outlining Applicant's proposed unit, along with a list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list is being forwarded only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. A copy of the list will be furnished by the undersigned to any party so requesting. A reasonable effort was made to obtain a complete list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Pointe-a-la-Hache Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose our check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the

application fee.

David L. Smelley

Attorney for Bass Enterprises Production Co.

